A List of Books on
Whales and Whaling
for Young Adults

What About Whales?

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A WHALE OF A TALE

DANGER TO WINDWARD, by Armstrong Sperry.*
"Landsmen wanted. One thousand stout young men for the fleet of whale ships..." Every word tempted young Hugh Dewar, but he did not know that his ship would be captained by his worst enemy.

NIGHTBIRDS ON NANTUCKET, by Joan Aiken.*
Rescued at sea when Captain Casket is chasing a pink whale, Dido Twite discovers another girl aboard the whaler Sarah Casket.

MOBY DICK, by Herman Melville.
Vengeful Captain Ahab pursues Moby Dick, the white whale who will not be captured.

QUEST OF THE OTTER, by Christopher Webb.
Young Paul Joplin sails aboard the good ship Otter out of Mystic, Connecticut in 1849 for his baptism by the foam and blood of whales.

ROGUE WHALER, by Rita Ritchie.*
Half owner of the whaler Rogue, Toby was suspicious of Captain Flick and determined to sign on for the Rogue's next voyage to learn the truth about his uncle's death.

THE STAR-CROSSED WOMAN, by Maribelle Cormack.
Mercy is lost at sea from a twentieth century yacht - and rescued by a nineteenth-century whaler.

WHALER 'ROUND THE HORN, by Stephen W. Meader.*
When his whaleboat is destroyed by a killer whale, Rod, the only survivor, is washed ashore on a lonely, jungle island.

WHALING BOY, by Peter Freuchen.*
Per went without sleep to keep the watch and stirred melting blubber until his arms ached, but at last he was allowed to take part in the kill of the mighty whale.

THE WAYS OF WHALES AND WHALING

ALL ABOUT WHALES, by Roy C. Andrews.*
A fight with a crazed shark and an encounter with a fifty-ton whale are just two of the author's whaling adventures.

HOME IS THE SEA: FOR WHALES, by Sarah R. Riedman.
"When you see the spout from the blowhole and the horizontal tail shipping the water up and down, it's a whale!"

OF WHALES AND MEN, by Robert B. Robertson.
Today the ships are steel and the harpoons modern guns, but the thrill of the chase, the danger of the kill, the blood and the smell of the butchering are the same as they were 150 years ago.

THE ROPE'S END, by Reginald B. Hegarty.*
The youngest crew member on his father's whaler, Reg learns to catch fish with a light, rides a captured turtle, and gets to harpoon a pilot whale.

SCRIMSHAW AND SUDDEN DEATH, by Albert H. Young-O'Brien.
As "greenie," boat steerer, mate, and captain, old-time whaler Lester Mosher endured incredible hardships and faced shipwreck, mutiny, and death.

THE STORY OF YANKEE WHALING, by American Heritage.
From Nantucket, New Bedford, and Gloucester, Massachusetts and Mystic and New London, Connecticut, brave whalemen set out to search the oceans round the world for whales, danger, and adventure.

WHALER'S EYE, by Christopher Ash.**
In pictures and in words a modern whaler tells the on-board story of the drama and the work of an Antarctic whaling expedition.

WHALE'S WAY, by Johanna Johnston.*
Feasting, swimming, spouting, playing, the world's largest creatures travel from ocean to ocean.

THE WRECK OF THE WHALESHIP ESSEX, by Owen Chase.
After the Essex was rammed by a vengeful sperm whale, twenty men survived to drift in three small boats for ninety days, praying for land or rescue.

* Available in the Children's Collection
** Available in the Adult Collection

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